

Jonathan Sparrow – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Jonathan Sparrow was the only son of Richard Sparrow. He was born in 1634 in Plymouth and moved to Eastham with his family about 1650. He became a prominent man in Eastham and often is referred to as Captain Sparrow in the old records.

Jonathan's 1706/7 gravestone is the second oldest original gravestone in Cove Burying Ground. A monument to Richard Sparrow who died in 1660 and to his son Jonathan was erected next to Jonathan's gravestone in 1876.

1659

Granted to Jonathan Sparrow twenty acres of upland at Pochet next to land of Job Cooke and bounded by five marked trees. PDF A172, M70, S15.

Granted to Jonathan Sparrow three and three-quarters acres of upland on both sides of Silver Spring Creek. It was next to land of William Walker and bounded by stakes and marked trees. PDF M70, S15.

1665

Jonathan Sparrow and Richard Higgins exchanged land. Sparrow gave Higgins six and one-quarter acres of meadow at Billingsgate, one and one-half acres of meadow at the Indian Brook and three and three-quarters acres on both sides of Silver Spring Brook. Higgins gave to Sparrow four acres of meadow at Boat Meadow at the Common Cove and two acres of meadow at the Great Meadow. PDF A219.

1666

Jonathan Sparrow sold to Thomas Crosby, with the permission of his mother Pandora, four acres of land and a dwelling house willed to Pandora by her deceased husband Richard Sparrow. Jonathan and Pandora moved to property owned by Jonathan at Pochet. Jonathan gave Pandora four acres of upland and a dwelling house which he owned at Pochet for her lifetime use. PDF A140, M68, M268, M269, S4.

1675

Jonathan Sparrow reported to the Town that he never was acquainted with the bounds of the twenty acres granted to his father Richard in 1659 at Sparrow's Neck at Pochet. Jonathan requested that the Town show him the bounds and mark the bounds. Bounds were established with Large stones and marked trees. PDF A169, M66, S38.

The Town leased to Jonathan Sparrow and anyone living at Pochet willing to join him the beaches, flats and islands between Stage Point Harbor and Potanumaquit Harbor for six years providing they keep all horses and cattle off the property. PDF P33.

1678

The second wife of Jonathan Sparrow was Hannah (Prence) Mayo who was the widow of Nathaniel Mayo and the daughter of Thomas Prence. Jonathan and Hannah were married in 1671. In 1678 Hannah because she had been a widow was granted three acres at Pochet next to land of Thomas Prence and Thomas Mayo. PDF M222, S54.

1681

Jonathan's wife Hannah also was granted three acres of land on the east side of the cartway which ran from Giles Hopkins' property towards Tonset. PDF M222, S54.

1682

A small piece of land belonging to Jonathan Sparrow adjoining his twenty acres at Pochet was granted by the Town to Benjamin Higgins. PDF A171.

1692

Land owned by Jonathan Sparrow which formerly was owned by Richard Higgins was surveyed. The eastern corner was found to be within the Town Common. The Town granted Jonathan an addition of one-quarter acre to replace the Town Common land. PDF A170, M68.

1693

Jonathan Sparrow complained at Town Meeting that some persons were "slandering" the bounds of his lands. This involved land of John Mayo, Thomas Rogers and Richard Higgins next to Jonathan's land and dwelling house at Pochet. The Town surveyors confirmed that the original bounds were accurate. Marked trees were replaced with marked stones to define the bounds. PDF A169, M66.

1694

Granted to Captain Sparrow one-half acre near his house and on the westerly side of a field already fenced. PDF P65.

1702

A committee consisting of Joshua Bangs, Samuel Knowles, Israel Cole, Samuel Mayo and Joseph Doane was chosen to settle the bounds between the Great Meadow and Sparrow's marsh and meadow on the south side of Great Meadow. There was agreement on the new bounds. PDF M140.

Jonathan Sparrow was given liberty to take a small parcel of land near Salt Pond and near his house to use as pasture for three years. PDF P100.

1703

Granted to the heirs of Richard Sparrow, Nathaniel Mayo and George Crispe six acres of meadow on Pochet Flats near Samson's Island. PDF A269.

Granted to Captain Jonathan Sparrow three acres of meadow at Pochet Flats being the twenty-fourth lot laid out that year. PDF A272, M150.

Granted to Captain Jonathan Sparrow, Jonathan Higgins and Joseph Young four and one-half acres of meadow at Pochet High Meadow by the beach. PDF A277, M162.

The land owned by Jonathan Sparrow described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. By 1745 eleven more Sparrows received Eastham land grants.